

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-30 (canceled)

31. (new) A method for providing a personalized presentation of news and information to a recipient comprising steps that perform the acts of:

obtaining preferences of the recipient that represent one or more preferred categories in a form that conforms to a base hierarchical structure comprising topics and subtopics, wherein each subtopic is hierarchically subordinate to a respective topic in the base hierarchical structure;

applying a first mapping to obtain a first indication of categories that represents the one or more preferred categories in a form that conforms to a first hierarchical structure comprising topics, wherein the first mapping specifies a transformation between the topics and the subtopics in the base hierarchical structure to the topics in the first hierarchical structure;

generating first search requirements in response to the first indication of categories and using the first search requirements to identify one or more first documents from a first source of documents, each first document having content deemed pertinent to at least some of the one or more preferred categories;

applying a second mapping to obtain a second indication of categories that represents the one or more preferred categories in a form that conforms to a second hierarchical structure comprising topics, wherein the second mapping specifies a transformation between the topics and the subtopics in the base hierarchical structure to the topics in the second hierarchical structure;

generating second search requirements in response to the second indication of categories and using the second search requirements to identify one or more second documents from a second source of documents, each second document having content deemed pertinent to at least some of the one or more preferred categories;

obtaining content information that represent at least part of the content of one or more of the first documents or one or more of the second documents; and

generating a representation of articles including the content information such that a presentation of the representation conforms to a specified presentation layout.

32. (new) A method according to claim 31 wherein the base hierarchical structure also comprises keywords, each keyword is hierarchically subordinate to a respective subtopic in the base hierarchical structure, the first mapping specifies a transformation between the keywords as well as the topics and subtopics in the base hierarchical structure to the topics in the first hierarchical structure, and the second mapping specifies a transformation between the keywords as well as the topics and subtopics in the base hierarchical structure to the topics in the second hierarchical structure.

33. (new) A method according to claim 31 wherein the first hierarchical structure also comprises subtopics, each subtopic is hierarchically subordinate to a respective topic in the first hierarchical structure, and the first mapping specifies a transformation between the topics and subtopics in the base hierarchical structure to the topics and the subtopics in the first hierarchical structure.

34. (new) A method according to claim 31 that comprises:

generating a list of entries in which each entry corresponds to a respective first document or a respective second document and delivering an indication of the list to the recipient; and

receiving from the recipient an indication of selected entries in the list of entries selected by the recipient and identifying one or more selected documents corresponding to the selected entries;

wherein the content information represents at least part of the content of each selected document.

35. (new) A method for providing a personalized presentation of news and information to a recipient using a computer system with a printer device and a display device, wherein the method comprises steps that perform the acts of:

obtaining preferences of the recipient, wherein the preferences include an indication of one or more preferred categories and a preferred presentation layout;

identifying a plurality of documents each having content deemed to satisfy one or more criteria with respect to the one or more preferred categories;

obtaining content information that represents at least part of the content of at least some of the plurality of documents and obtaining summary information that summarizes the content represented by the content information;

generating a first representation of the content information having a form that is intended for presentation by the printer device but is not intended for presentation by the display device, wherein the first representation is such that a presentation of the first representation by the printing device conforms to the preferred presentation layout;

generating a second representation of the summary information having a form that is intended for presentation by the display device such that a presentation of the second representation by the display device informs the recipient of the content included in the content information; and

delivering the first representation and the second representation to the computer system.

36. (new) A method according to claim 35 that comprises:

generating a list of entries in which each entry corresponds to a respective document in the plurality of documents and delivering an indication of the list to the recipient; and

receiving from the recipient an indication of selected entries in the list of entries selected by the recipient and identifying one or more selected documents corresponding to the selected entries;

wherein the content information represents at least part of the content of each selected document.

37. (new) A method for providing a personalized presentation of news and information to a recipient comprising steps that perform the acts of:

establishing a profile representing recipient preferences, wherein the preferences include an indication of one or more preferred categories and a preferred presentation layout;

identifying a plurality of documents each having content deemed to satisfy one or more criteria with respect to the one or more preferred categories;

obtaining content information that represents at least part of the content of at least some of the plurality of documents;

providing the recipient with a representation of articles including the content information such that a presentation of the representation conforms to the preferred presentation layout; and

receiving from the recipient a measure of recipient interest in the content information and, in response, revising the profile to reflect changes in recipient preferences.

38. (new) A method according to claim 37 wherein the measure of recipient interest is obtained in response to which portions of the content information is viewed or printed.

39. (new) A method according to claim 37 wherein:

the representation includes indications of content that is omitted from the representation; and

the measure of recipient interest is obtained in response to the recipient accessing the omitted content.

40. (new) A method according to claim 37 that comprises:

generating a list of entries in which each entry corresponds to a respective document in the plurality of documents and delivering an indication of the list to the recipient; and

receiving from the recipient an indication of selected entries in the list of entries selected by the recipient and identifying one or more selected documents corresponding to the selected entries;

wherein the content information represents at least part of the content of each selected document.